

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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A method of filling an order for a right to make copies of a book comprising:

(a) making a record for said book, said record including a plurality of the members of the group consisting of: a title of said book, a web address of a copy tracker for said book, an identity of said order, a first number of copies of said entire book that are permitted to be made, a second number of copies of pages of said book that are permitted to be made and a third number of copies of pictures of said book that are permitted to be made;

(b) providing a user of said right with at least said web address; and

(c) sending said record to said copy tracking database.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) provides said web address on a cover of said book.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein step (b) provides said web address in machine readable form.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein step (b) also provides said identity on said book cover.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein step (b) also provides said web address on one or more pages of said book.

6. A transaction processor for filling an order for a right to make copies of a book comprising:

a processing unit and a memory; and

an order procedure stored in said memory, wherein said order procedure includes:

first means for controlling said processing unit to make a record of said order, wherein said record includes a plurality of members of the group consisting of: a title of said book, a web address of a copy tracker for said book, an identity of said order, a first number of copies of said entire book that are permitted to be made, a second number of copies of pages of said book that are permitted to be made and a third number of copies of pictures of said book that are permitted to be made, and

second means for controlling said processing unit to send said record to said copy tracking database.

7. The transaction processor of claim 6, wherein said order procedure controls said processing unit to provide said web address and said identity of said order on a cover of said book.

8. The transaction processor of claim 7, wherein said web address is provided on said cover in machine readable form.

9. The transaction processor of claim 6, wherein said order procedure further includes third means for controlling said processing unit to also provide said identity of said order on said cover.

10. The transaction processor of claim 9, wherein said web address and said identity are also provided on one or more pages of said book.

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11. A memory medium for a computer that fills an order for a right to make copies of a book, said memory medium comprising:

first means for controlling said computer to form a record of said order, wherein said record comprises a plurality of members of the group consisting of: a title of said book, a web address of a copy tracker for said book, an identity of said order, a first number of copies of said entire book that are permitted to be made, a second number of copies of pages of said book that are permitted to be made and a third number of copies of pictures of said book that are permitted to be made; and

second means for controlling said processor to send a copy of said record to said copy tracking database.

12. The memory medium of claim 11, wherein said memory medium further comprises a third means that provides said web address and said identity on a cover of said book.

13. The memory medium of claim 12, wherein said web address and identity are provided on one or more pages of said book.

14. A method of making a copy of one or more pages of a book comprising:

(a) determining a web address of a copy tracker for said copies of said book;

(b) sending to said copy tracker a request to make said copy, said request including an identity of a right to make said copies and an identification of said pages;

(c) obtaining from said copy tracker an electronic image of said pages;
and

(d) making a human readable image of said electronic image.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein step (a) reads said web address from a machine readable label on said book or on a page, picture or other image contained in said book.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said human readable image is on a display.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein said human readable image is on a hard copy media.

18. A method of providing an electronic image of one or more pages of a book comprising:

(a) maintaining a record of a right to make copies of said book, said record including a count process;

(b) receiving from a user a request to make a copy of one or more pages of said book;

(c) comparing said request with said record to determine if said copy is permitted; and

(d) if said copy is permitted, enabling an electronic image of said copy to be presented to said user.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein said count process keeps track of copies of said book permitted by said right and of copies of said book already made, and wherein step (c) compares said request with said count process to determine if said copy is permitted.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising (e) adjusting said count process to reflect said copy enabled by step (d).

21. The method of claim 20, wherein said count process includes at least one member of the group consisting of: a first number indicative of copies of the entirety of said book, a second number indicative of copies of individual pages of said book and a third number indicative of copies of individual pictures of said book, and wherein step (e) adjusts said member to reflect said copy enabled by step (d).

22. The method of claim 21, wherein step (d) enables a database that contains said book to serve said electronic image to said user.

23. A processor system for tracking copies of a book made as permitted by a right to make copies thereof, said processor system comprising:

a processing unit and a memory; and

a copy tracking procedure stored in said memory, wherein said copy tracking procedure includes:

first means for controlling said processing unit to maintain a record of said right to make copies of said book, wherein said record includes a count process;

second means for controlling said processing unit to receive from a user a request to make a copy of one or more pages of said book;

third means for controlling said processing unit to compare said request with said record to determine if said copy is permitted; and

fourth means for controlling said processing unit to enable an electronic image of said copy to be presented to said user if said copy is permitted.

24. The system processor of claim 23 wherein said count process keeps track of copies of said book permitted by said right and of copies of said book already made, and wherein said third means compares said request with said count process to determine if said copy is permitted.

25. The system processor of claim 24, wherein said copy tracking procedure further includes fifth means for adjusting said count process to reflect said copy enabled by said fourth means.

26. The system processor of claim 25, wherein said count process includes at least one member of the group consisting of: a first number indicative of copies of the entirety of said book, a second number indicative of copies of individual pages of said book and a third number indicative of copies of individual pictures of said book, and wherein said fifth means adjusts said member to reflect said copy enabled by said fourth means.

27. The system processor of claim 24, wherein said fourth means enables a database that contains a copy of said book to present said electronic image to said user.

28. The system processor of claim 25, further comprising a copy of said book stored in said memory, wherein said fourth means enables said electronic image to be obtained from said copy of said book stored in said memory.

29. The system processor of claim 28, further comprising sixth means for preventing the presentation of said electronic image if the third means determines that said copy is not permitted.

30. A memory medium for a processor that tracks copies permitted to be made by a right to make copies, said memory medium comprising:

first means for controlling said processor to maintain a record of said right to make copies of said book, wherein said record includes a count process;

second means for controlling said processor to receive from a user a request to make a copy of one or more pages of said book;

third means for controlling said processor to compare said request with said record to determine if said copy is permitted; and

fourth means for controlling said processor to enable an electronic image of said copy to be presented to said user.

31. The memory medium of claim 30, wherein said fourth means enables a database that contains a copy of said book to present said electronic image to said user.

32. The memory medium of claim 31, wherein said record also includes a count process of the copies permitted by said right and of the copies already made, and wherein said third means compares said request with said count process to determine if said copy is permitted.

33. The memory medium of claim 32, wherein said copy tracking procedure further includes fifth means for adjusting said count process to reflect said copy enabled by said fourth means.

34. The memory medium of claim 33, wherein said count process includes at least one member of the group consisting of: a first number indicative of copies of the entirety of said book, a second number indicative of copies of individual pages of said book and a third number indicative of copies of individual pictures of said book, and wherein said fifth means adjusts said member to reflect said copy enabled by said fourth means.

35. A smart book comprising:

a book; and

a record affixed to said book, wherein said record includes a plurality of members of the group consisting of: a title of said book, a web address of a copy tracker for said book, an identity of said order, a first number of copies of said entire book that are permitted to be made, a second number of copies of pages of said book that are permitted to be made and a third number of copies of pictures of said book that are permitted to be made.

36. The smart book of claim 35, further comprising a semiconductor device affixed to said book, and wherein said semiconductor device includes a memory that contains said record.

37. The smart book of claim 36, wherein said semiconductor device includes a controller that keeps track of the number of copies made, and wherein said controller responds to a request of a user to make a copy of at least page of said

book to determine if said copy is permitted, and, if permitted, enables an electronic image of said copy to be presented to the user.

37. The smart book of claim 36, wherein said controller enables said electronic image to be presented to said user from a database that contains said electronic image via the world wide web.

38. The smart book of claim 36, wherein said memory contains said electronic image, and wherein said controller prevents said electronic image from being presented to said user if said copy is not permitted.

39. A system that makes a copy of one or more pages or images contained in a book comprising:

means for reading information encoded in a label that is located on said pages or images or on a cover of said book;

means for determining from said information a copy tracker and an identity of a right to make said copy;

means for sending to said copy tracker a request to make said copy, said request including said identity and an identification of said pages or images;

means for receiving from said copy tracker an electronic image of said pages or images; and

means for making a human readable copy of said electronic image.

40. The system of claim 39, wherein said label is a bar code and said means for reading is a bar code reader.

41. The system of claim 39, wherein said label is a watermark and said means for reading is a watermark reader.

42. The system of claim 42, wherein said means for determining determines a web address from said information, and wherein said means for sending sends said request to said web address.

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